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SUBJECT: TV BROADCAST ON DEBTS OF GABRIEL ALEVINA (GABON)

REF: (A) USUN 848, (B) USUN 855, (C) STATE 032684

1. AMBASSADOR NDONG (GABON) VISITED USUN EVENING OF MAY 1ST IN A STATE OF CONSIDERABLE AGITATION. HE ADVISED THAT CHANNEL 2 NEWS WOULD BROADCAST EVENING MAY 1ST AN INTERVIEW WITH SECOND SECRETARY GABRIEL ALEVINA CONCERNING HIS INDEBTEDNESS AND BAD CHECKS HE HAS GIVEN TO VARIOUS MERCHANTS.
 2. NDONG ASKED USUN TO REQUEST CHANNEL 2 NOT TO BROADCAST ALEVINA SEGMENT. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE INFORM STATION THAT ALTHOUGH ALEVINA'S DEBTS WERE PRIVATE, GOVERNMENT OF GABON WOULD PAY ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS. FINALLY, HE OFFERED SPEAK ON PHONE TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHANNEL 2 MORNING OF MAY 2ND. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT APPEAR ON TELEVISION.
 3. WE INFORMED AMBASSADOR NDONG THAT FIRST AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION PROHIBITED ANY INTERFERENCE WITH FREEDOM OF PRESS, AND THEREFORE WE COULD NOT REQUEST CHANNEL 2 TO DE-
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- LETE ALEVINA SEGMENT. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO INFORM CHANNEL 2 THAT GOVERNMENT OF GABON WOULD PAY ALEVINA DEBTS AND THAT AMBASSADOR NDONG WAS PREPARED SPEAK TO REPORTER.
4. AMBASSADOR NDONG ACCEPTED OUR EXPLANATION AND OFFER. HE ALSO ASKED US TO INFORM STATION HE WAS UNHAPPY OVER TACTICS USED BY REPORTER TO GAIN INTERVIEW WITH ALEVINA.

REPORTER STATED HE WANTED TO DISCUSS ALEVINA'S IMPRESSIONS OF U.S. WHEN INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE HOWEVER, REPORTER DISCUSSED ALEVINA'S BAD DEBTS. WE AGREED COMMUNICATE THIS COMPLAINT TO CHANNEL 2, ALONG WITH OTHER REMARKS.

5. WE PHONED JOHN STOSSEL OF CHANNEL 2 NEWS. WE INFORMED HIM ALEVINA'S BILLS WOULD BE PAID, AMBASSADOR WAS PREPARED SPEAK TO HIM AND AMBASSADOR OBJECTED TO TACTICS USED TO GAIN INTERVIEW. STOSSEL SAID HE WOULD USE INFORMATION ON BROADCAST. YOUNG

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